

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

on the establishment of a Community register of olive cultivation

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. Political basis :

During its meeting of 19-20 November 1973, the Agricultural Council of Ministers, in a resolution adopted for the olive oil sector, adopted, among other things, the principle of compiling a register of olive cultivation in the Community, envisaging that 1% of the aid to be accorded to production for the 1973/1974 marketing year should be allocated to financing this compilation.

2. Aim of a register of olive cultivation :

The creation of a register of olive cultivation in the Community will permit, in particular, the determination of the total value of all olive trees, as well as of the entire area planted with olive trees.

This information is necessary for the successful management of the common organisation of the olive oil market since it will allow.

- (a) an assessment to be carried out of the potential production of olives and oil in the Community;
- (b) a sufficiently exact verification to be made of the quantities of oil for which the aid is requested, by applying the target yields, provided ~~for~~ for within the framework of the system of control for granting the aid paid to producers, to the number of trees allocated according to homogeneous zones of production.

It is proposed to carry out the work necessary to create the register of olive cultivation in two steps. The first step concerns the work which will lead to the knowledge of the minimum details necessary to improve the system of control of the aid to production. The second step involves the gathering of all the other information necessary for a register of olive cultivation, which is likewise necessary for a complete knowledge of the situation in the sector but for which a much longer period is required to carry out the work.

3. Financing

The proposed Regulation provides for the compilation of a register of olive cultivation in the Community. In order to finance this, it is proposed that the Member States shall withhold a part of the aid provided for in Article 10 of Regulation 136/66/EEC. This part shall amount to 1% of the aid for the 1973/74 marketing year and 5% of the aid for the 1974/75 marketing year. The amount of aid paid by the EAGGF will remain the same so this measure will not cause any additional expense.

However, should the costs of compiling the register prove to be more than the amount made available by the withholding mentioned above, the Council will decide before 31.12.1976, on the type of financing to be introduced to cover the extra expenses, as well as the proportion which will be allocated as a charge of the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF.

Estimate of the amount withhold for financing :

1% of the amount of the aid for the 1973/74 marketing year	2,5 m. UA
5% of the amount of the aid for the 1974/75 marketing year	9,5 m. UA
Total	<hr/> 12,0 m. UA

In view of the timing of the payment of aid, the amounts will be withheld in the years 1975 to 1978.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament;

Whereas, in order to obtain the information needed to determine the Community's potential production of olives and olive oil and to improve the operation of the Community aid system for those products, producer Member States should be required to establish a register of olive cultivation;

Whereas, in order to ensure that the register is compiled in the same way in all Member States, the minimum particulars to be included therein must be specified;

Whereas, in order to facilitate compilation of the register, provision should be made to finance the necessary operations by allocating thereto part of the aid payable to producers; whereas to the same end provision should be made for the relevant operations to be carried out by stages; whereas it is moreover appropriate to make provision for representatives of the trade interests concerned to take part in these operations;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

1. Each producer Member State shall compile, in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation, a Community register of olive cultivation.
2. Such registers shall cover all the olive-growing holdings in the Community. They shall in respect of each holding provide the following information:
 - (a) by 1 September 1976, particulars showing:
 - the total olive-growing area, together with the cadastral reference of the parcels comprising the holding and the names of the owners of each parcel;
 - the total number of olive trees on the holding;
 - (b) by 1 September 1980, particulars showing inter alia :
 - the relative percentages of olive-growing areas under specialised cultivation and those under mixed cultivation;
 - the distribution by variety of the olive trees on the holding;
 - the system of cultivation employed;
 - the age, state of cultivation and maturity of the trees;
 - the number of trees under irrigated cultivation.
3. The register shall be brought up to date at regular intervals.

Article 2

The representatives of the trade interests concerned may participate in the work of the agencies charged with compiling each register of olive cultivation.

Article 3

1. The competent authorities of the producer Member States which are responsible for paying to those entitled thereto the aid provided for in Article 10 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC⁽¹⁾ shall when making payment reduce such aid by:
 - (a) 1% where the aid relates to the 1973/74 marketing year;
 - (b) 5% where the aid relates to the 1974/75 marketing year.
2. The sums withheld in pursuance of paragraph 1 shall be used to finance the compilation of the register of olive cultivation. These sums shall be regarded as intervention intended to stabilize the agricultural markets within the meaning of Article 3(2) of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70⁽²⁾.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No 172, 30.9.1966, p. 3025/55

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 94, 28.4.1970, p. 13

Such detailed implementing rules as may be necessary shall be adopted under the procedure set out in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.

3. If the cost of compiling the register proves to be greater than the resources obtained pursuant to paragraph 1, the Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, shall before 31 December 1976 decide how such excess expenditure is to be financed and determine the proportion for which the Guarantee section of the EAGGF is to assume responsibility.

Article 4

The producer Member States shall inform the Commission at regular intervals of the progress achieved in compiling the register and of the manner in which it is being kept up to date.

Article 5

Detailed rules for the application of this Regulation shall be adopted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

